

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A game apparatus for play of an instant lottery game comprising:

a standardized hand-held electronic game device including a computer, a display operatively connected to said computer, a game card interface operatively connected to said computer, and at least one instant lottery game programmed in said computer;

a game card representing a single lottery game play, said game card adapted for connection with said interface wherein connection of said game card to said interface permits a player to initiate play of said game, said game card comprising game information required by the lottery game programmed in said computer to initiate and complete a single play of the lottery game, the game information including a type of game to be played, whether the game play is a winner, and respective prize award for the single lottery game play, wherein the display and outcome of the lottery game is presented to the player via said display and only after connecting said game card with said game card interface;

wherein said game information on said game card is contained in printed conductive elements; and

said game device having a standardized hard-wired configuration that responds to various patterns of said printed conductive elements so as to conduct the particular lottery game contained by said game card, including game outcome and prize award indication, based solely on the configuration of said printed conductive elements on said card without retrieval of other game information particular to said game card; and

wherein the outcome of said game is predetermined solely by said information on said game card, is not stored in or downloaded to said game device, and is not known by the player until played on said electronic game device and is not changed by any subsequent play of the game with said electronic game device.

2. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said predetermined outcomes are prize amounts.

3-5. Cancelled

6. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said computer is configured for play of a plurality of different types of lottery games and is programmed with a plurality of different programs to initiate and complete the different types of lottery games and said information on said game card includes the identification of a specified one of said games to which the game card applies.

7. (Original) The apparatus of claim 6 wherein said information is printed on said card in conductive ink.

8. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 7 wherein said predetermined game outcome is represented by one or more impedances printed in said conductive ink and said computer is effective to determine the electronic signature of said impedances when said game card is connected to said interface.

9. (Original) The apparatus of claim 8 wherein said electronic signatures are a measure of the resistance of said impedances.

10. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 7 wherein said card additionally includes a barcode including data functionally related to said information.

11. (Currently Amended) A lottery game apparatus for play of a plurality of different lottery games by a plurality of users, comprising:

a plurality of standardized hand-held electronic game devices each including a computer, a display operatively connected to said computer, a game card interface operatively connected to said computer, and wherein each of said devices includes a plurality of different types of lottery games programmed in said computer;

a plurality of game cards wherein each of said cards is for play of a single one of said lottery games and includes data required by said electronic game devices to initiate and complete a single play of a respective one of the lottery games, including data that instructs said computer as to a particular game to be played, the outcome of the game, and the prize award for the game, wherein the display and outcome of the lottery game is presented to the user via said display and only after connecting said game card with said game card interface, said data is printed in the form of circuit elements on said cards in conductive ink;

said game devices having a standardized hard-wired configuration that responds to various patterns of said printed circuit elements so as to conduct a plurality of different types of games, including outcome and prize indication, based solely on the configuration of said printed circuit elements on a respective game card without retrieval of other game information particular to said game card;

wherein each of said cards has a predetermined game outcome that is dictated solely by said data on said card, is not retrieved by the game device from memory or downloaded to the game device, and is not known to the user until displayed on said

display and is not changed by any subsequent play of the game with the electronic game devices; and

wherein said cards are adapted for connection with said interface thereby permitting a player to initiate play of said game on said device resulting in said computer generating said predetermined outcomes dictated by said data on said card connected to said interface and wherein said outcome is displayed on said display.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 11 wherein said computer applies power to said circuit elements through said interface and determines said data from the electrical signatures of said circuit elements.

14. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11 wherein said cards additionally include a barcode containing information functionally related to said data.

15. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11 wherein said interface is configured to permit a player to insert said cards into said device and to make an electrical connection between said data and said computer.

16. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11 wherein said device includes a switch operatively connected to said computer and aligned with a predetermined position on said cards wherein said switch is effective to permit a player to play said game.

17. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 11 wherein said cards include a scratch-off coating applied over at least a portion of said conductive elements wherein removal of said scratch-off coating by a player alters said conductive elements.

18-20. Cancelled